

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, March 28, 2007 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Accavitti, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Huizenga, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer. (19/19)

Representative Melton made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 21, 2008. No objections being offered, the minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

Linda Dechow, Eric Schneidewind and Bob Nelson, representing the Customer Choice Coalition (CCC), provided a presentation to the Committee regarding utilizing competition to combat high electricity prices. Topics discussed included: a history of high electricity rates, benefits realized from P.A. 141 of 2000; the effects of competition; utility rates resulting from competition; on-going barriers to competition; requests for changes in P.A. 141 of 2000; the 21st Century Energy Plan; and the need for more competition in Michigan.

Questions and discussion followed.

At 10:27 a.m., Chair Accavitti stated that the Committee would stand at ease and reconvene subsequent to House session. (During the House session, Chair Accavitti stated that the Energy and Technology Committee would not reconvene and adjourned the meeting from the House Floor.)

Cards were submitted by Fritz Benson and Rick Coy, representing the Association of Businesses Advocating Tariff Equity (ABATE) and Lynn Briggs, representing the Michigan Alliance for Fair Competition.

Representative Frank Accavitti, Jr.

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